# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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ALMS BOWL OF BUDDHA
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the article written by the former Chief Secretary of Bihar on the alms-bowl of Lord Buddha ;

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to bring back the alms bowl of Lord Buddha to Vaishali?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the article written by Dr. S.V. Sohoni, the former Chief Secretary of Bihar, which appeared in the `Bodhi Chakra` (pages-107 to 110) in 1994, on the alms bowl of Lord Buddha. However, there is no corroborative archaeological evidence to substantiate the presumption that the alms bowl at Kandhar is the same given by Buddha to the people of Vaishali.

(c) The Government has no proposal to bring back the alms bowl of Lord Buddha to India unless it is proved through archaeological evidence that the alms bowl at Kandhar is the same one given by Lord Buddha to the people of Vaishali.